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Operation WOW is just plain WOW!

We've been teasing you for a while, first online and then right here in RedEye, with all kinds of fun clues to help you guess the secret behind Operation WOW.

So what is it? It's The Great @redeyechicago Outdoor Tweetup, a social media party that's happening Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Pioneer Court next to the Tribune Tower.

There will be giant TV screens to display live-tweet-

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the responses. There also will be food and drink and live music from I Fight Dragons and Matt Ryd.

Twitter and Facebook for more details as the event

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Bucktown
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strip tease, comedy,
live music and "The Big
Lebowski" trivia contests
with prizes from Diversey
Rock-n-Bowl. 10 p.m.
Gorilla Tango Theatre,
1919 N. Milwaukee Ave.
773-598-4549. \$15.

Chef's cooking class

Gold Coast
Ariel Bagadiong of
Ajasteak guest hosts
during a demo and
tasting. The class includes
a welcome cocktail and
multi-course lunch with
wine. 2:30 p.m. Wave,
644 N. Lake Shore Drive.
312-255-4460. \$60.

Millennium Park workouts

Millennium Park
The popular alfresco
series features 45-minute
classes on the Great Lawn
in tai chi (7 a.m.), yoga
(8 a.m.), Pilates (9 a.m.)
and aerobic dance/martial
arts (10 a.m.). Millennium
Park, 201 E. Randolph St.
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REDEYE/MMX PICK African Festival of the Arts

Washington Park

The 20th annual celebration of the African influence in

America features live performances by local and international artists, food vendors and a marketplace stocked with fine art. A performance by George Clinton wraps up the event Monday night. The festival runs 10 a.m.-10 p.m. through Monday. 5100 S. Cottage Grove Ave. 773-955-2787. \$10-\$15.



THE GAMER Who's playing at home



White Sox vs. Boston

» 3:05 p.m. Saturday » 1:05 p.m. Sunday U.S. Cellular Field



COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Northwestern vs.
Towson

11 a.m. Saturday, Ryan Field, Evanston

SUM

Movies at The Terrace

River North

Food and drink specials complement a weekly alfresco film series, weather permitting. This week: "The Untouchables." 7:30 p.m. The Terrace, 521 N. Rush St., fifth floor. 312-377-0979.

'Pray the Devil Back to Hell' screening

Uptowi

A documentary about Christian and Muslim Liberian women whose efforts lead to a non-violent resolution during stalled Liberian Civil War peace talks. 8 p.m. The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665. \$8.



HIDDEN AGENDA

Zombies!

Check it out if you ... want to show your Michael Jackson love by learning his moves or plan to dance like a zombie at your Halloween party.

The deets: Learn the dance moves from Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video as part of a fourweek class that runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Sept. 12. Latin Rhythms first offered the lessons in August to prepare people who wanted to participate in Thrill the World, an attempt to set a world record on Oct. 25 for the most people simultaneously dancing to "Thriller." Each session, dancers will go through the basic choreography, with instructors teaching every step to the music. The studio also offers a two-week accelerated class starting Oct. 10. Sessions are \$65 and reservations are required. The payoff: Impressing your

The payoff: Impressing your friends with your sweet moves.



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Let them have PKAH

Oprah is coming! Oprah is coming! The talk show queen has secured use of a three-block stretch of Michigan Avenue for two days next week to film the kickoff to the 24th season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." The news broke Monday, and by Tuesday some commuters and businesses were up in arms over the effective shut-down of a chunk of the Mag Mile. Since the stage for Winfrey's show will be constructed a mere couch-jump away from RedEye's office, we'll take the liberty of suggesting a few guest interviews - selected from the week's newsmakers.



Patrick Ryan

The same day that an International Olympic Committee evaluation raised concerns about Chicago's proposed venues and lakefront winds that could interfere with sports such as archery, a Tribune/WGN poll found that support for the city's bid has dwindled. Ryan, chairman of the Chicago 2016 bid, refused to comment on the poll.



Rod Blagojevich

Copies of the former Illinois governor's forthcoming autobiography "The Governor" started circulating this week, much to the publisher's dismay. The book details Blagojevich's take on his removal from office, and perhaps not surprisingly

he writes that he did nothing wrong. "I never intended to sell the Senate seat," he writes. "I was merely engaged in the ordinary and routine politicking that frequently accompanies a significant appointment by the governor."



Euna Lee and Laura Ling

The two U.S. journalists made the most extensive comments about their five-month imprisonment in North Korea in an article posted online Tuesday. Taken into custody

March 17, the women were pardoned in early August. The experience was so harrowing that the reporters said some details of their captivity were too painful to share publicly.



Barack Obama

It was another hectic week for the POTUS. President Obama warned the country to prepare for swine flu and announced he'll deliver a speech to Congress next week about his health-care plan. Meanwhile, school districts across the country said they will not show the president's back-to-school speech

to students Tuesday because of concern from parents that the speech is an attempt to push his political agenda on kids.

Heat index

RedEye takes the temperature



'Guitar Hero 5' We're addicted



Da Bears Bring on Brett Favre!



Candy and booze?!



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BEHIND THE SCENES AT JAM

RedEye spent a Sunday morning at Jam. Here are the highlights. **Kent Green**

Jessica Lane, Jam's pastry chef, preps for the day's service. All this happens after a portion of Sunday's work was already done: Chef Jeff Mauro said brunch is unique in that lots of prep happens the day before. Otherwise, workers would need to show up at 3 a.m.

The first customers walk in, a young couple and their little boy. The restaurant is quiet and lit with soft morning light.

7:27

Tables have been filling and emptying regularly, and now the first line starts to form, stretching from the register to the door.

9:16

10:13

Owner Jerry Suqi checks in on one of the tables. "How is everything?" he asks a woman who's just finished.

"Oh," she says, closing her eyes and re-savoring everything she just ate. "I think I love you."

Suqi smiles and points to Mauro over the counter at Jam, the kitchen is visible to the whole dining area. "Actually it's him," Suqi says. "You love him." The woman waves; Mauro nods, then gets back to work.

RedEye decides to trail server Erwin Alvizures, which is kind of like trying to catch a bumblebee with a tail wind. Even when he has a free moment, he doesn't. He checks in on other tables, takes dirty dishes to the back and, of course, keeps coffee mugs full.

RedEye gives up on trailing Alvizures. When server Sarah Reed hears this, she's incredulous.

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"What do you mean?" she asks. "This is a slow day."

Wait times are at 45 minutes for two people, an hour for larger parties. Hostess/cashier JoAnne Weiman plays the same role in a succession of mini-dramas. If she tells people the wait and their heads roll back, eyes wide, Weiman's probably getting a "Thanks, but we'll pass." But if they look to each other and shrug, then they'll go out for a walk and come back. There's no way to predict which wait duration will be acceptable to each party, Weiman said.



Mauro and sous chef Mike Noll prepare one of Jam's specialties: Pacific ono and pineapple gnocchi, drizzled with a pecan emulsion. As with every dish, it's done with reverence: Each piece of gnocchi is placed just so and topped with a basil leaf, forming a ring around the two biscuit-sized cuts of ono.

Jam's machine hums along: Lane prepping the food,
Mauro and Noll perfecting each dish, the servers
keeping plates on tables and Suqi running it all. Things are
just getting started: "Next comes the lunch rush." Sugi says.

The early show

This brunch brought to you through a choreographed—and delicious—dance

By Kent Green

FOR REDEYE

Coffee, check. Eggs, check. Freshly squeezed O.J., check. Oh, and don't forget the bacon.

For the chefs, cooks and servers who are part of what can only be called Chicago's weekend brunch machine, this checklist is a familiar early morning ritual.

As more restaurants open or add brunch service to accommodate Chicagoans' seemingly insatiable appetite for all things eggy and syrup-drenched, the city's early-bird club is growing.

At Jam, a 34-seat breakfast and lunch cafe in Ukrainian Village, the brunch-o-nomics on a Sunday involve 5 pounds of coffee, up to 400 eggs, a staff of 12 and about 150 patrons, according to owner Jerry Suqi.

Though it's new to Chicago's already-packed brunch scene, Jam, which opened in July, has caught on quickly, with peak wait times that can reach more than an hour on weekends.

Rule No. 1 of brunch service, according to Erwin Alvizures, a server at Jam: "Make sure that everybody has coffee." RedEye learned this after spending a recent Sunday behind the scenes at Jam.

Rule No. 2: When it comes to working brunch, night owls need not apply—unless you're OK going on a few hours of sleep.

Jessica Lane, Jam's pastry chef, shows up to work around 5:30 a.m. on Sundays to prep for the restaurant's 7 a.m. opening. She and other workers spend that time squeezing orange juice, making brioches and shaping meat patties.

Lane and the other Jam workers told RedEye they didn't mind the hours. The work, they said, is just like the rest of the restaurant industry, the shift is just earlier in the day. Many said they like having finished work by the early afternoon.

Those early mornings can be challenging, though.

"My first few tables are a little rough," Rachael Smith, a server at Jam, told RedEye. "I'm always like, 'I'm supposed to be in bed right now.'"

Servers working brunch probably feel the most pressure—brunch patrons often want quicker service than at other meals, said Will Duncan, a bartender at Ukrainian Village's Empty Bottle. Empty Bottle began serving week-

end brunch from the adjoining Bite Cafe at the beginning of 2009.

"I've worked brunch at a lot of different restaurants, and it's such a faster pace, quicker table times and more turnover," Duncan said. "The expectation is [the food will] be there within 10 minutes. So you just gotta be prompt; you gotta be quick."

At Jam, a line starts to form around 9:45 a.m.; by 11 a.m., the line is stretching out the door.

While Jam's staffers said they feel the pressure, they don't let it affect them (or at least they didn't let it show). To the casual observer, the upshift in the staff's work pace is noticeable

Dealing with different types of food can make brunch more challenging for restaurants that don't specialize in it, especially if they have a large customer base, said Carly



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Fisher, founder and editor-in-chief of the Chicago Brunch Blog. Fisher started the blog a year ago to offer reviews, news and events related to the city's

"Brunch-specific places like Orange, Yolk and Bongo Room are able to work with a set menu and have a pretty good idea by now what their traffic is like," Fisher wrote in an e-mail. "Other restaurants have to balance a heavy brunch rush with the rest of their supply."

Not every brunch place runs at a fast pace. The brunch experience at Simone's in Pilsen is a bit more laid-back. Manager Erica Schimmel said customers like it because they know they can easily get

However, she added that one menu item always

needs to be served with haste: eggs, because they tend to cool off more quickly than other foods.

For Suqi, the appeal of getting into the brunch game had to do with bringing the quality of dinner foods to mornings.

"It's a real devotion to bringing that culinary craftsmanship that's been previously reserved for dinner to breakfast," he said.

At that point, it was about 11:45 a.m. and Jam's machine hummed along. The plates of food kept moving. Suqi ran it all, barking orders one minute, happily chatting with diners the next.

Despite the early hours and the perpetual hustle, Alvizures, one of the servers, says he enjoys the brunch crush.

"If it wasn't fun, I wouldn't do it," he said.

937 N. Damen Ave.

7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Monday, closed Tuesday

Empty Bottle 1035 N. Western Ave.

Brunch menu: Noon to 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays

Simone's

960 W. 18th St.

Brunch menu: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays

Some bright ideas

Even if you're a frequent weekend bruncher, there's no excuse for getting stuck in a brunch rut in this town. New brunches pop up nearly every weekend. Here are four worth checking out; none is more than 3 weeks old.

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Chaise Lounge

1840 W. North Ave. 773-342-1840

Chef Cary Taylor puts brunch spins on some of his favorite menu items (fried green tomato Benedict, scrambled egg-avocado-black bean morning tacos, a breakfast burger and more) at this Bucktown restaurant and lounge's week-old Sparkling Sunday Brunch. There's a build-yourown bloody and bellini bar too. Brunch served 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Eve

840 N. Wabash Ave. 312-266-3383

The Gold Coast gets a new brunch option this weekend when chef Troy Graves rolls out a menu that includes buttermilk fried chicken over a tasso ham waffle with crawfish gravy and brioche french toast with spiced apple chutney. Brunch served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Nightwood

2119 S. Halsted St. 312-526-3385

Pilsen's new hot spot from the team behind Lula Cafe, which already has serious brunch cred with its Logan Square neighbors, launched its own brunch three weeks ago. Chef de cuisine Jason Vincent's seasonally focused menu varies from week to week, but early hits include chicken and waffles (served last weekend with stone fruit compote) and homemade chocolate doughnuts. Brunch served 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Nana

3267 S. Halsted St. 312-929-2486

This new Bridgeport breakfast and lunch spot (a.k.a. brunch spot) has been packed since it opened less than two weeks ago. We suspect it has something to do with the casserole-style chilaquiles, Liege waffles and something called a Nanadict: a pupusa (cheese-stuffed corn flatbread) topped with chorizo, poached eggs and poblano sauce. Brunch served 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

» Find more new brunches and dozens of reviews in our brunch guide at metromix.com.



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WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEKEND

BY LISA BALDE

HEAR IT Bash on Wabash tunes

'Hood: South Loop

The sixth year of bands, beer and bags in the South Loop commences on Saturday, and though Murder By Death won't be headlining **Bash on Wabash** (Wabash Avenue and 13th Street) like last year, plenty of folksy and rock replacements fill the roster to keep you happy. Can't choose? We suggest staking a spot to hear performances by Chicago bluegrass stalwarts Cornmeal (5:45 p.m. Saturday), local rockers Makeshift Prodigy (3 p.m. Sunday) and beat slinger Kid Color (4 p.m. Sunday). Party bands Sixteen Candles and Hairbangers Ball also make appearances, so make sure your plastic cups are filled.

When: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Cash: \$5 suggested donation

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WORK IT

Labor Day

'Hoods: River North, South Loop, Lakeview

Shrug off your cool-weather blues and party up Labor Day weekend like it's summer's last hoorah! Oh wait, Labor Day is summer's last hoorah. ... Well, toast to fall then and head to Hub 51 (51 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051) to show off a pair of white kicks one last time during its White Shoes Party, featuring \$4 select cocktails and beats by DJ Konsept. Or celebrate at The Shrine (2109 S. Wabash Ave. 312-753-5700), where local buzz kids and Lolla alums Hey Champ rock it new-school on the dance floor. Prefer to spend your time at home, reminiscing about summertime memories with friends? Skip the cooking and hit up Sheffield's (3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989) for its Labor Day dinner-to-go package (\$39.95). Call the Wrigleyville bar 24 hours in advance to order its fourperson meal of baby-back ribs, smoked chicken, potato salad and more.

When: 9 p.m. Sunday (Hub 51, The Shrine)

Cash: \$5 suggested donation (Hub 51), \$15 (The Shrine), \$39.99 (Sheffield's)

SCORE IT Wine deals

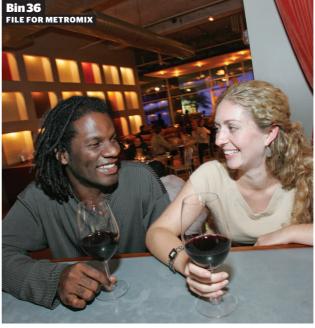
'Hood: River North

Help **Bin 36** (339 N. Dearborn St. 312-755-9463) count down its 10th anniversary with a new deal every month through the end of the year. September is \$4 wine month, so hightail it to this wine cafe for \$4 glasses of Bin 36-brand chardonnay, merlot, cabernet sauvignon and syrah. The special is good through Sept. 30. Keep your ears open for October's big deal. Word on the street is it'll be \$3. Hooray for surprises!

When: All month

Cash: 7 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday; 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday





WATCH IT College football

'Hood: Lakeview

NCAA affiliates run the gamut at bars across the city, but you're in luck Saturday if you've hopped on Arizona's bandwagon. Catch the Wildcats game against Central Michigan at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Coach House (950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660), which linked up with the southern school's Chicago-based alumni to dub itself an official U. of A. football bar. Watch the game on seven flat screens while sipping \$2 Miller Lite bottles, \$7 Miller Lite pitchers and \$5 Absolut cocktails. Get there at 8 p.m. and celebrate the season with a hosted cocktail reception. Oh, and to all of you embattled Favre believers, the Coach House is a Minnesota Vikings bar as well.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Cash: No cover



TRY IT New burgers

'Hoods: Wrigleyville, North Center

If the scent of Labor Day weekend grilling makes your mouth water but hauling charcoal goes against your no-work holiday policy, **Park Ave.** (3415 N. Clark St. 773-975-6677)

has you covered. Risque Cafe's new burger-flipping reconcept of Purgatory Pizza, which celebrated its grand opening on Friday, delves into the weekend with a 10-burger lineup, not to mention an adequate draft list to keep the party going. In other burger news, Metromix patty connoisseur the Great Burgerelli gave North Center hangout the **Bad**

Apple (4300 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-360-8406) an impressive three out of four stars for its array of burgers and fries. Head to **metromix.com** for the full review.

When: 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Sunday (Park Ave.); 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, 4:30-11 p.m. Sunday-Monday (The Bad Apple)

Cash: No cover



District

170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477

LOVED IT:

Comfy high-backed leather chairs

HATED IT: Slow service

BRUNCH TIME: 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

Sunday

WAIT: None

COST: \$16-\$18 per person with tax and tip

the juice District mine

By Lisa Arnett

The scene: During happy hour, fans file into classy River North sports bar District to watch games on TVs set into a circular soffit surrounding the main bar. Come for the 6-week-old Sunday brunch, and you'll have an entirely different experience.

The dining room is sunken below the main bar and bordered by a glass facade that opens onto the street. Sit

toward the back of the dining room to get the alfresco vibe without having to squint, or bring your sunglasses and sit at a table bordering the sidewalk.

District is located kitty-corner from the Rock 'N' Roll McDonald's, smackdab in the middle of River North, so a smattering of tourists staying at nearby hotels supplement a relatively small field of casually dressed couples and

groups. You'll have your pick of tables if you arrive before noon, but expect late-day crowds to pick up as football season kicks into high gear.

The cuisine: District's bar menu sports plenty of tweaked classics (crab rangoon reborn as wonton chips and dip, for example), so it's fitting that the brunch menu follows suit.

Steak and eggs (\$10) is a juicy seared hangar steak served with two fried

> eggs and chili fries, made even better by sweet-and-spicy seasoning that reminded us of barbecue-flavored potato chips. And we loved the biscuits and gravy (\$10, left),

a quartet of flaky mini-biscuits resting on sauteed spinach, topped with creamy gravy and tender chunks of rich duck confit.

Omelets (\$8) with choose-yourown fillings (the usual suspects, plus



upgrades such as smoked trout and rock shrimp) are generous and fluffy. Potato-lovers be warned: egg dishes come with greens unless you choose to add fries (\$2). Slightly less indulgent (or slightly more heart-healthy, depending on your perspective) options include a Greek yogurt parfait with berries, granola and honey, and an egg-white frittata with spinach and goat cheese.

On the sweet side, banana bread

French toast gets a boost from maplechocolate sauce, walnuts and vanilla whipped cream (\$8). To drink, the \$30 tabletop bellini bar is a festive splurge for a group of three or four. The setup includes a bottle of bubbly and fruit purees: raspberry, peach and blueberry, though the latter was too chunky to play well with the champagne.

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Locals make sure your holiday weekend is a party. 2 p.m. Sun. Free. Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-7437.



BRAZILIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION: MOEMA CRAVIERO CAMPOS, JULIE KOIDIN AND STELA BRANDEO, PAULINHO GARCIA, DIL COSTA'S FOLIA BRASIL DANCE GROUP, GINGARTE CAPOEIRA. FORRO BRASIL, SWING BRASILEIRO

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TICKETBOOTH

On sale noon **Saturday**

Derrick Carter, Greenskeepers, Miss Honey Dijon, Brian Heath, Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$10-\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

The Fold, Danger is My Middle Name, Dear Noel, The Fireship, Valaska, Friday, Oct. 2 (\$11, all ages) at Metro.

Michael and Michael **Have Issues Live** (Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter), Tuesday, Oct. 13 (\$25, 18+) at Metro.

Simian Mobile Disco. JDH and Dave P, Mister Joshua. One Fifty One. Ross Kelly, Scott Brandon, SR-71, Wednesday, Nov. 4 (\$5-\$23, 21+) at Smart Bar.

On sale now

Athens, Aviary Ghost, Flameshark, Thursday, Oct. 8 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'. The B Foundation. Little District, E3PO, Tuesday, Nov. 10 (\$10, 21+)

at Double Door.

Big Time, Darts and Arrows, Loom, Wednesday, Oct. 14 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Gene Farris, Diz, Lego, Frique, Brian Heath, Wednesday, Nov. 11 (free-\$5, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Five For Fighting, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$30, all ages) at Lakeshore Theatre.

Bernard Fowler, Friday, Oct. 23 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Fu Manchu, Asg, It's Casual, Saturday, Oct. 31 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

Halfway North, Band **Called Catch, Moses** Cleveland, Tuesday, Oct. 6 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Halloween Bash (bands TBD), Friday, Oct. 30 (\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

Heavy Trash. Sunday. Nov. 15 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

Kittie, Soil, Arkaea, Straight Line Stich, Thursday, Oct. 22 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

Bobby Long, Tuesday, Dec. 15 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

The Old Ceremony, Monday, Nov. 16 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

The Postmarks. Brookville, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

Shout Out Out Out, Clique Talk, Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Double Door.

Still Flyin', Tuesday, Oct. 27 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

Three Bad Jacks, Hot Rod Hucksters, Friday, Oct. 16 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Truman and His Trophy, Ben Joyce and the Savage Young, Friday, Sept. 18 (\$9, all ages) at Metro.

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DO Pitbull unleashed **ALBUM** NEWSDAY Rebelution Pitbull **Pitbull**

Glenn Gamboa

Pitbull doesn't even try to front.

"I want, I need, I like to get money," the Miami rapper chants like a mantra through "Juice Box." Later, he adds, "I like her right there and her friend over there" over the Latintinged, electronic beat. Get the picture?

"Rebelution" (Polo Grounds/RCA) is one potential club banger after another, trying to avoid cliches with varying degrees of success. This formula has, after all, given Pitbull two Top 10 hits from the album—"I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)," also known as the one where he counts to four in English and en Espanol, and "Hotel Room Service," also known as the one that snags the "Hotel, motel, Holiday Inn" rhyme from "Rapper's Delight."

Sure, it's simplistic, but it also works for him. In many ways, Pitbull is the Latin version of Flo Rida, repurposing previously popular bits and catchy baubles and spinning them into radio- and club-friendly gold. That's why there's bits of The White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army" to liven up the otherwise bland "Can't Stop Me Now." That's why he drops lines like "Turn up the AutoTune so I'll be on the radio" with a straight face on "Across the World." He even has a song called "Give Them What They Ask For."

"Rebelution" is neither rebellious nor revolutionary, unless boldly trying to offer average music for the average radio listener is somehow unique. Until people demand better, Pitbull will remain king of the OK.

VIDEO GAME Batman: Arkham Asylum

LOVE IT

\$59.99, for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 For DC Comics fans, this game is a must-buy, but it's hugely entertaining even if you



aren't versed in the whole Batman mythology. It begins with the Caped Crusader ushering the Joker to Arkham Asylum, Gotham City's home for the criminally insane. Fans will relish the chance to take on familiar foes like Harley Quinn, Poison Ivy, Killer Croc and Scarecrow. Combat is easy to handle, and Batman can handle a dozen or so henchmen without breaking a sweat. LOU KESTEN, AP

Durham County

9 p.m. Monday, ION

Thank the ION network for bringing this moody Canadian drama to U.S. audiences. A winner of several awards up north, it focuses on Detective Mike Sweeney (Hugh Dillon), who suspects his high school enemy, Ray Prager (creepy Justin Louis), is a serial killer. The creators don't ease viewers into the story, opening with a brutal slaying that left me speechless. But don't expect the "CSI" formula. This sophisticated thriller isn't about the crimes; it's about the characters-both sinister and sweet and some at the same time. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

LIKE IT

ALBUM Terra Incognita

Juliette Lewis

Actress Juliette Lewis has transformed herself into some kind of indie rock weirdo goddess, replete with on-stage knee pads, festival appearances and rabid fans. And, oh veah, some decent music. This makes for her third album overall, but first since dropping backing band the Licks and forming the New Romantiques. Mars Volta's Omar Rodriguez-Lopez produced this record and it's a defining characteristic. The sound is darker. yes, but also wilder and more interesting. A few moments actually rate highly for PJ Harvey/Patti Smithheavy alt-rock, like the propulsive title track. KEITH N. DUSENBERRY, METROMIX

BLU-RAY Earth

\$39.99 Breathtaking photography, even more beautiful in the Blu-ray format, mark this "Disneynature" film that is

edited from the series "Planet Earth," seen on BBC and Discovery Channel. From the

Arctic to Africa and elsewhere, nature's wonders and marvelous creatures are captured in all their splendor. Narrated by James Earl Jones. DOUG NYE, MCT

LOATHE IT

ALBUM I Look to You

Whitney Houston

The first track, "Million Dollar Bill," glides in on a walking bass line that sounds perfect for step dancing. Whitney Houston can sound a bit stiff when harnessed by ill-fitting songs or production, but on "Million Dollar Bill," she sounds frisky. The tune, coproduced by Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys, almost swings. It's all downhill from that peak moment, with a couple of key exceptions. Despite the machinations of toptier producers and songwriters, nothing else feels quite as elegantly ebullient.

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Nutrition experts estimate we drink 10 percent to 15 percent of our daily calories, but most of us forget to tally our liquid diet—juices, sodas, coffees and energy drinks—as it adds to our waistlines.

Yes, it's important to remain hydrated and replace fluids, but it's always best to quench your thirst with water first.

This Homemade Orange Cream Soda is a smart way to get a juice/soda fix without consuming an exorbitant number of calories or resorting to artificial sweeteners.

Shopping tips: When choosing a brand of frozen yogurt, avoid artificial sweeteners. "Look for ingredients that are familiar to you," says Mitzi Dulan, a Kansas City, Mo.-based registered dietitian. "Look for ingredients you recognize and can pronounce."

Homemade orange cream soda

Makes 6 (1-cup) servings

Ingredients

- **»** 6 ounces pulp-free orange juice concentrate, thawed (1/2 of a 12-ounce can)
- » 1 liter club soda
- » 1/2 teaspoon orange extract
- » 1 cup fat-free frozen vanilla yogurt, thawed
- » 1 orange, seeded and thinly sliced

Directions

Combine orange juice, club soda and orange extract in a pitcher. Blend in thawed frozen yogurt. Add orange slices and serve over ice.

Something wrong with Mary

Crossword writer Mary (Sandra Bullock of mediocre hit "The Proposal") is beautiful. She's also overflowing with so much knowledge that she never stops talking, causing Steve (Bradley Cooper of the overrated "The Hangover," getting duller by the movie) to bail from their blind date. Mary's solution? Follow Steve around the country until he admits he wants to be with her.

The buzz: Not sure how we're expected to believe a small Sacramento paper can afford to employ a full-time "cruciverbalist." Or, more importantly, how we're not expected to wonder if Mary's repetitive, erratic behavior, misreading of social cues, extreme fixation on her red boots or choice of words (sample lines include "Thanks for not raping me" and "Little

deaf girl, it's time for us to go home") are indicators of an undiagnosed disability (perhaps on the autism spectrum). Writer Kim Barker ("License to Wed") doesn't acknowledge that, though, so, uh, bring on the laughs!

The verdict: This idiotic, frustrating and offensive movie makes Mary a hero for refusing to conform—she's not a stalker, she's an independent spirit!—while simultaneously looking down on her as a creepy nuisance. (Really, she's not daring to be quirky but is just incapable of recognizing what is and isn't socially acceptable.) A comedy that falls back on a woman talking to her hamster or on the plight of hearing-impaired children in a mine shaft isn't just grasping at straws. It's throwing in the towel.



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- Gamer (R) 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:40,10:10
- Halloween II (R) 11:40,2:45,5:30,8:15,11:00 Inglourious (R) 11:50,3:30,7:00,10:30
- Final Destinatn (R) 11:10,1:40,4:00,6:15,8:30,10:45
- Post Grad (PG-13) 12:10.2:30.5:00.7:20.9:45
- District 9 (R) 11:20,2:00,5:10,8:00,10:50
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:10,10:00
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:30,10:20
- The Hangover (R) 12:30,3:00,5:20,7:50,10:40

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

- Taking Woods. (R) 1:30,4:25,7:20,10:15
- It Might (PG) 11:10,1:35,4:10,7:00,9:55 The Hurt Locker (R) 11:00,1:55,4:45,7:40,10:30
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 11:05,1:45,4:15,7:30,10:20 **Paper Heart** (PG-13) 4:50,10:00

(773) 509-4949

- In the Loop (NR) 11:15,1:40,7:15 World's Gr (R) 11:30,2:00,4:55,7:45,10:25
- My One and Only (PG-13) 11:20,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

(800) 326-3264 #1642

- All About Steve (PG-13) ★ 11:00.1:40.4:10.6:40.9:10 ■ Gamer (R) ★ 11:40,12:40,2:30,3:00,5:00,5:30,7:30,8:10,10:00,10:50
- Final Destinatn (R) ★ 10:45,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30 Halloween II (R) ★ 10:20,12:20,1:00,3:30,4:00,6:20,6:50,9:00,9:30
- Final Destinatn (R) ★ (Closed caption) 7:40,9:50 Inglourious (R) 11:30,12:10,3:10,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:40,10:15 District 9 (R) 11:20,2:15,5:10,8:00,10:40
- Ponyo (G) 1:50,4:30
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 11:10,2:00,4:40,7:50,10:20
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:10,1:15,4:20,7:20,10:10 G-Force 3D (PG) 10:15,12:30,2:40,4:50,7:10,9:20
- Harry Potter (PG) 10:30 A.M.
- The Hangover (R) 11:50,2:50,5:20,8:20,10:45

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE) 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

- (773) 784-0893
- Inglourious (R) 1:00.4:00.7:00.10:00 ■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:10
- District 9 (B) 12:30.2:45.5:00.7:40.10:00
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:45

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

- AMC Select The best specialty films ■ Gamer (R) 11:40,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:40
- Halloween II (R) 11:00.12:00.1:30.2:30.4:00.5:00.6:30.7:30.9:00.10:00
- Inglourious (R) 11:15,2:50,6:15,9:30
- All About Steve (PG-13) 11:45.2:10.4:45.7:20.9:50
- Final Destinatn(R) 11:10,12:10,1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:00,7:
- Post Grad (PG-13) 11:05 A.M.
- Shorts (PG) 11:00.1:10.3:20.5:40.8:00.10:10 ■ **District 9** (R) 11:50,2:25,5:10,6:10,7:40,8:55,10:15
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 11:05.12:45.1:50.3:30.4:25.6:20.7:15.9:10.10:05
- Aliens-Attic (PG) 11:20,1:40,3:50
- G-Force (PG) 11:30.1:45.4:10.6:40.9:05
- Orphan (R) 1:55,4:35,7:20,9:55

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

312-846-2800

- Retrn-Secaucus (B) 3:00 P.M.
- Tony Manero (NR) 3:15,5:15,8:00 Brother-Planet (R) 5:15 P.M.
- Word Is Out (NR) 7:45 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628

- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 2:00,4:10,6:25,8:40 G-Force (PG) 2:05,4:05,6:15,8:20
- Public Enemies (R) 2:05,4:30,8:10

MUSIC BOX 3733 N. Southport, Chicago (773) 871-6604

- Still Walking (NR) 2:00,5:00,7:20,9:40
- Flame & Citron (NR) 2:15,7:00
 Art & Copy (NR) 12:00,5:00,9:45
 Star Trek (PG-13) 12:00 Midnight

- Pee-wee's Adv. (PG) 12:00 Midnight

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

- Show times change daily ■ Play the Game (PG-13) 11:10,1:45,4:25,7:10,9:40
- Kaminey (NR) 11:30,2:50,6:10,9:20 AMC Select **Cold Souls** (PG-13) 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:30,9:55 ■ AMC Select **Moon** (R) 11:00,1:10,3:25,5:40,8:00,10:10

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Gamer (R) 10:00.11:40.12:40.2:20.3:20.5:00.6:00.7:50.8:50.10:40.11:4 ■ Extract (R) 11:00,1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40,12:10
- AMC Select **Taking Woods.** (R) 10:05,1:00,4:05,7:15,10:25 **Halloween II** (R) 11:05,12:05,1:50,2:50,4:40,5:40,7:30,8:30,10:30,11:30
- Inglourious (R) 11:15,12:15,3:00,4:00,6:45,7:45,10:20,11:20 All About Steve (PG-13) 11:45,2:30,5:15,8:00,10:50
- AMO Select My One and Only (PG-13) 10:35,10:53.30,6:05,8:40,11:00 Final Destinatn (R) ◆ 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:05,9:35,12:05 Final Destinatn (R) 10:15,12:45,3:15,5:45,8:20,10:45
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:25,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:00 District 9 (R) 10:10,11:10,1:10,2:10,4:10,5:10,7:10,8:10,10:10,11:1
- Goods: Live (R) 9:00,11:15 AMC Select Ponyo (G) 10:40,1:20,3:50,6:25
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:30,1:30,4:25,7:20,10:15 Julie & Julia (PG-13) 10:20,1:25,4:35,7:40,10:35
- ■AMC Select 500 Days-Sum(PG-13) 11:20,2:05,4:45,7:25,10:05
 The Ugly Truth (R) 10:45,1:35,3:55,6:20,8:45,11:25
 Harry Potter (PG) 10:50,2:25,6:10,9:45

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie (800) 326-3264 #2309

- All About Steve (PG-13) ★ 11:30,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:45,12:20 Extract (R) ★ 11:40,2:30,5:20,7:45,10:10,12:35 Gamer (R) ★ 10:15,11:20,12:45,2:20,3:45,5:15,6:15,7:40,8:50, 10:00,11:20,12:30

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WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1641

- Extract (R) ★ 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:20 Final Destinatn (R) ★ 11:10,1:30,3:50,60,6,8:15,10:30 Halloween II (R) ★ 11:10,1:40,4:15,7:00,9:40 Inglourious (R) 10:00,11:30,12:20,1:20,2:50,3:40,4:40,6:20,7:11
- 8:00,9:50,10:25 = Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:20,1:00,4:00,6:40,9:20 = Julia (PG-13) 10:20,1:00,4:00,6:40,9:20 = Julia (PG-13) 10:40,1:45,4:30,7:20,10:10 = The Ugly Truth (R) 11:45,2:20,5:10,7:40,10:00 = The Hangover (R) 10:50,1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES

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- (000) 329-3294 # 1040

 All About Steve (PG-13) * 10:20,1:10,3:45,6:30,9:00

 Extract (R) * 10:10,12:30,2:45,5:15,7:50,10:15

 Gamer (R) * 10:00,12:30,2:45,5:15,7:50,10:15

 Final Destinatn (R) * 11:10,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,1:0:30

 Final Destinatn (R) * 11:10,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,1:0:30

 Final Destinatn (R) * 10:40,12:50,3:00,5:20,7:30,9:50

 Inglourious (R) 11:20,12:40,2:50,4:00,6:20,7:20,9:45,10:40

 Shorts (PG) 11:30,1:50,4:10,6:40,9:10

 District (PG) 10:30,1:50,3:4:10,6:40,9:10

 Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:30,1:00,3:40,6:50,9:20

 G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:30,1:00,3:40,6:50,9:20

 G.Force (PG) 11:50,2:30,5:00,8:00,10:10
- What to Watch

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

- (800) 326-3264 #1644

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 All About Steve (PG-13) ★ 10:30,1:00,3:40,6:30,9:00

 Extract (R) ★ 10:00,12:20,2:40,5:00,7:40,10:00

 Gamer (R) ★ 11:45,2:20,4:40,7:20,9:45

 Final Destinath (R) ★ 11:10,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30

 Halloween II (R) ★ 11:00,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30

 Halloween II (R) ★ 10:00,1:50,3:00,5:20,7:30,9:50

 Inglourious (R) 11:20,2:50,6:15,9:30

 Shorts (PG) 11:15,1:45,4:40,6:40,9:10

 District 9 (R) 10:50,1:50,4:30,7:15,10:15

 Ponyo (3) 11:30,2:20,5:10

 Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:40,1:10,4:10,6:50,9:20

 G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:10,1:20,4:20,7:10,9:55

 G-Force (PG) 11:50,2:30,5:15,7:45,10:10

 Orphan (R) 8:00,10:45

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- All About Steve (PG-13) * 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
 Extract (R) * 12:45,2:55,5:05,7:15,9:25
 Final Destinath (R) * 12:01,1:55,3:50,5:45,7:45,9:50
 Taking Woods. (R) * 1:15,4:00,6:45,9:20
 Inglourious (R) 12:00,3:05,6:10,9:15
 District 9 (R) 12:00,2:05,0:07,3:01,0:00
 Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:45,4:25,7:05,9:45

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 Extract (R) ★ 12:25,2:35,4:55,7:20,9:40

 Gamer (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,4:40,7:30,9:55

 It Might (PG) ★ 115:02,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:45

 My One and Only (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:45,5:20,7:55,10:35

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 District 9 (R) 11:45,2:20,4:50,7:50,10:45

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 Final Destinath (R) ★ 11:35,1:45,3:55,6:05,8:15,1:0:25

 Halloween II (R) ★ 12:15,2:50,5:25,6:00,1:40

 Inglourious (R) 12:05,1:50,3:35,5:15,7:00,8:40,10:20

 Julie & Julia (PG-13) 11:55,1:30,2:50,4:25,5:45,7:20,8:35,10:15

 Ponyo (G) 11:35,2:05,4:35,7:05,9:35

 Taking Woods (R) ★ 11:30,1:25,5:153.40,5:00,6:57,45,9:10,10:30 ■ Taking Woods. (Py ± 11:30,12:55,2:15,3:40,5:00,6:25,7:45,9:10,10:30)
 ■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 11:40,2:10,4:45,7:25,10:15

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By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEY!

Like a game of Chutes and Ladders, it has been an up-and-down season for Cubs right fielder Milton Bradley—and the ladders have been hard to come by. The slugger was red hot in some recent series, but for many that on-field production was overshadowed by a prolonged slump and controversial comments he made last month about his treatment by the Wrigley Field fans.

In the spirit of his famous namesake, RedEye pairs some notable moments from Bradley's season with board games—and the lessons to be learned. RYAN SMITHIS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

Sorry!

Situation: With two men on base in the eighth inning of a June 12 game against Minnesota, Bradley caught a

fly ball for the second out. Great, except he celebrated by tossing the ball into the bleachers, mistakenly thinking he had recorded the third out.

Lesson: The title of this old-school board game says it all:

Admit when you've made a mistake. (Also, don't throw the ball in the stands with two outs.)

Diplomacy

Situation: Bradley threw a tantrum in the dugout during a June 26 game at U.S. Cellular Field. Manager Lou Piniella got upset about the outburst and confronted Bradley—eventually calling him "piece of [bleep]."

Lesson: Chill out—and that goes for Piniella too. Maybe the two should pair up in the clubhouse to play this classic World War I strategy game that teaches communication skills.

Fireball Island

Situation: During the week of Aug. 23, Bradley went 12-for-22 to raise his batting average to just below

.270 and his on-base percentage to a hair under .400.

Lesson: Watch it when he's hot!

National League pitchers should tread carefully when baseballs are exploding off

Bradley's bat like fireballs from this board game set on a dangerous tropical island.

Taboo

Situation: After an Aug. 26 game in which he went 4-for-4 at the plate, Bradley unleashed a rant to the media in which he complained that many Cubs fans are too rough on him—and implied racist undertones. Lesson: Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry spoke to Bradley the next day. He declined to comment on their talk, but you know he wouldn't mind holding one of those annoying Taboo buzzers to censor Bradley's interviews.

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THE TOPIC

How does your personality change during college football season?



JIMMY GREENFIELD jgreenfield@tribune.com

Like during the rest of the year, it gets red-shirted.



PHIL THOMPSON plthompson@tribune.com

You know the mean streets? I'm from the Herbstreits. I have no idea what that means.



TRACY SWARTZ tswartz@tribune.com

I have a little more Tim Tebow in me than usual.



SUPRIYA DOSHI sdoshi@tribune.com

As an Illinois fan, I mostly have to become very defensive. I wish the team would too ...



BRIAN MOORE brmoore@tribune.com

I don't change so much as morph into a blubbering mass. Other Indiana Hoosier fans can relate. SEPTEMBER 5, 2009 I REDEYE





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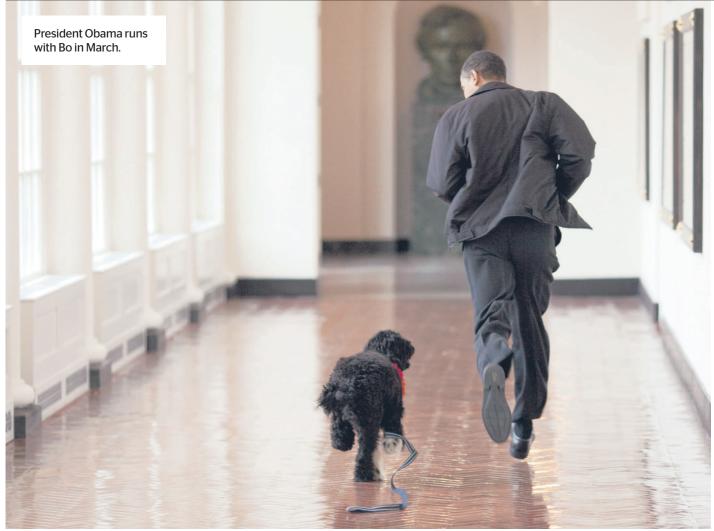
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Yes, he canine

Energetic and mischievous, First Dog Bo is a president's best friend

Associated Press

WASHINGTON He has torn through magazines and stray socks, even sunk his teeth into the president's gym shoes. Charm school taught him to sit, heel and shake a paw on command. He spent his first summer vacation on breezy Martha's Vineyard.

That's just a scoop of the poop on Bo's first few months as First Dog of the United States.

Most of his dog days begin with early morning walks on the grounds with Michelle Obama, and end with a nighttime jaunt with President Obama, the couple juggling their four-legged family member in shifts the way the first lady says they once handled daughters Malia and Sasha.

In between, 10-month-old Bo has playtime with the girls, meals, puppy mischief—and lots of just lying around.

Obama says walks with the family's Portuguese Water Dog are a highlight of his pressure-packed days. It's perhaps a sign of just how high-stress they are that the president even gets sentimental about the less pleasant duties of dog ownership.

"I'm the guy with the night shift," he told one TV interviewer. "We go out and we're walking and I'm picking up poop and in the background is the beautifully lit White House. It's quite a moment."

PRESIDENTIAL PAWS

Bo isn't the first pooch to romp around the White House lawn, of course. Here are some of the other canines and felines who recently have resided at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

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- » George W. Bush had black Scottish terriers Barney and Miss Beazley and a cat named Willie. Barney famously bit Reuters reporter Jon Decker last year when he reached down to pet the feisty dog. A White House doctor bandaged Decker's finger.
- » Bill Clinton's White House pets were cat Socks and dog Buddy, a chocolate lab the family adopted in Clinton's second term. When Clinton left office, Socks went to Virginia to live with Clinton's secretary, while Buddy moved with the family to Chappaqua, N.Y., where he was killed by a car while running loose.
- » George H.W. Bush owned Millie and Ranger, mother-and-son springer spaniels. First Lady Barbara Bush wrote the 1990 best-selling "Millie's Book," which included pictures of the dog posing with famous people and frolicking with her pups and the president on the White House lawn.

The trimming of the Guard

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio Suffer from a bad case of acne? That could disqualify you from joining the Army National Guard. Too many speeding tickets? In today's slimmer, smarter Guard, that could keep you out too.

Under pressure from the Pentagon to trim its ranks, the Guard has been quietly phasing in new restrictions that make it harder to enlist.

"To get in now, you have to be the cream of the crop," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Clum, a recruiter in Ohio.

Military officials portray the cutbacks as an effort to trim excess from a Guard force that was bloated from years of successful recruiting, especially during the recession.

But there are suspicions inside the Guard and out that the reductions are part of an effort to shift the burden of fighting overseas onto the active-duty Army and ease the public outcry over the way that Guard units—parttime soldiers normally called into action during hurricanes and other disasters at home—have been sent on long, repeated combat tours in Iraq.

In fact, while the Pentagon has cut the National Guard by about 9,000 soldiers to 358,200 over the past six months or so, the nearly 549,000-strong active-duty Army is under orders to recruit 70,000 new soldiers by the end of September and 22,000 more in the coming fiscal year as the fighting in Iraq winds down and the war in Afghanistan escalates.

Under restrictions issued by the National Guard's top recruiting commander early this year, the maximum enlistment age was lowered from 42 to 35. And the minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test, the exam required by all branches of the military, was raised for the Guard from 31 to 50 out of a possible 100.

Also, the Guard stopped forgiving potential recruits for offenses such as theft, assault, driving under the influence or chronic lawbreaking. And it stopped issuing medical waivers, which allowed recruits to be admitted despite health problems as serious as an extreme food allergy and as minor as a painful bout of acne.

John Goheen, a spokesman for the National Guard Association, an advocacy group, said it makes little sense to turn off the Guard's recruiting machine when it has been the most successful of any military branch at bringing in high-quality soldiers.

"If you want to reduce the burden on the Army Guard, grow the Army Guard," Goheen said. "Therefore the burden is reduced because we'll have more units."

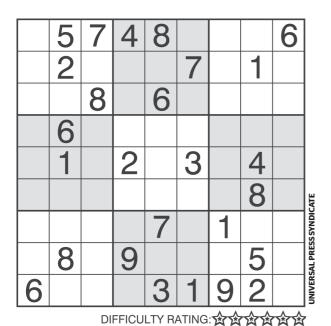
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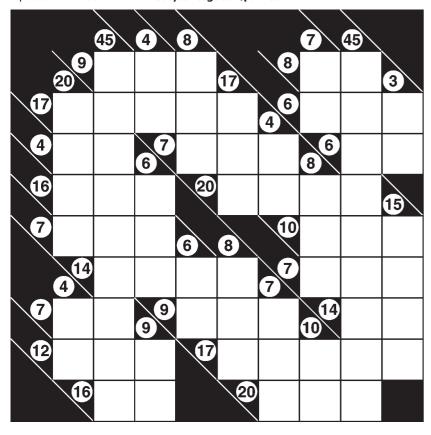
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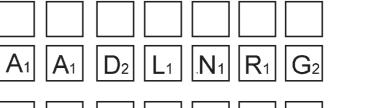
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Enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares. The clues are the numbers in the white circles that give the sum of the solution numbers: above the line are across clues; below the line are down clues. Thus, a clue of 3 will produce a solution of 2 and 1, and a 5 will produce 4 and 1, or 2 and 3, but, of course, which squares they go in will depend on the solution of a clue in the other direction. No digit can be repeated in a solution. Answer at redeyechicago.com/puzzles.



Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7letter words get a 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 3rd Edition. Find the answer at redeyechicago.com/puzzles.





Triple Word Score

3rd Letter

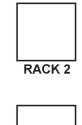
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FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN



RACK 1





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Sandra Bullock arrives at the "All About Steve"

premiere last month in L.A. GETTY IMAGES

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All about Sandra

By Ariel Alexovich

FOR REDEYE

Oh, Sandy, another romantic comedy? It's different, you say? OK, OK, we'll give it a chance. In "All About Steve," opening this weekend, you and Bradley Cooper star in a hilarious tale of a woman who, after falling hard for a guy, thinks they're an item; unfortunately, he thinks she's stalking him!

We gave you a pass for "The Proposal," mostly out of reverence to yours and Ryan Reynolds' rock-hard abs, and for keeping Betty White employed. But another rom-com in three months? Why do we keep letting you make the same formulaic films again and again? Let's break it down.

WHY DO WE STILL SUPPORT SANDRA BULLOCK'S ROMANTIC COMEDIES?

15% Reminds us of Shania Twain

15% Looks cute in a dirndl

15%Gives cougars a good name

30% Can't beat her hair

25%We're scared of her hubby, Jesse James

REDEYE I SATURDAY

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Russell Crowe doesn't take insults sitting down.

The famously testy actor challenged columnist Annette Sharp to a cycling duel after she wrote a story in Sydney's The Daily Telegraph last week with the headline: "Smokes and fatty foods the fitness regime for Rusty."

The column mocked Crowe for taking a break during a bike ride to smoke and scarf down tacos and a soft drink, according to the New York Daily News.

The challenge, issued through Crowe's spokesman: "Get on your bike. Russell wants you to go riding with him. Are you ready to die?"

The two met at dawn for a 12-mile ride, and apparently Crowe's routine works. Sharp struggled to keep up—and even fell off her bike—as Crowe pedaled unfazed, the Daily News reports.



■ THE VELVET ROPE

J-Hud on Mag Mile

Oscar-winning
Chicago
native Jennifer
Hudson (right)
and illusionist
Criss Angel will
participate in
Oprah Winfrey's
24th season
kickoff show that
is being filmed
Tuesday on
Michigan Avenue,



according to The Associated Press. Winfrey's Web site (**oprah.com**) invites fans to e-mail the show for a chance to see Hudson. The Black Eyed Peas also will perform.

Boyle's got talent

Whitney Houston was No. 2 and The Beatles were No. 3 on the **amazon.com** sales rankings Friday. So who was selling more records than those musical giants? "Britain's Got Talent" singing sensation Susan Boyle led them all, despite the fact that her record, "I Dreamed a Dream," isn't due out until Nov. 24. Simon Cowell must be so proud!

Kathy Gosselin?

Who would be cast in a movie about the Gosselin family? How about Kathy Griffin (right)? Clad in a bikini and an outrageous wig, the comedian was spotted in Hollywood shooting a skit to air next week on



"Jimmy Kimmel Live," **people.com** reports. "All I need now is a sexy bodyguard," she quipped.

Mourning DJ AM

Lindsay Lohan, Samantha Ronson, Eric Dane and Nicole Richie were among the celebrities who attended a memorial service for DJ AM on Thursday in L.A., **people.com** reports. The DJ, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, died last week. The official cause of his death has not been released.



DIGIT

Number of solo songs Radiohead frontman Thom Yorke (left) will release Sept. 21 on 12-inch vinyl. Yorke is considering a few live dates in support of the singles, **billboard.com** reports.

Deli X-wich

What does Hugh

Jackman taste like? Pastrami, corned beef, salami, brisket, tongue and American cheese. The Carnegie Deli in New York unleashed its "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" sandwich Thursday, The New York Times reports. Jackman didn't attend the unveiling, but a wax replica was there to represent the superhero.